



**AGREEMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE CITIES OF ANCHORAGE AND SEATTLE**

*The Honorable MARK BEGICH, as Mayor of Anchorage and on behalf of the
Municipality of Anchorage,*

*And the Honorable GREGORY J. NICKELS, as Mayor of Seattle and on behalf of the
City of Seattle,*

DECLARE

THAT in this, the “Age of the Pacific,” Anchorage and Seattle are leading economic engines of their regions, and their actions have an impact far beyond their strict jurisdictional limits;

THAT Seattle as the “gateway to Alaska,” has significant historic ties that reach back through the century from the Klondike Gold Rush and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909;

THAT Anchorage and Seattle, share many common issues and are increasingly connected by economic, social and cultural ties, and the ultimate objective of both cities is successful and sustainable economic development to improve their citizens’ quality of life;

THAT as the largest cities in Alaska and Washington, we believe that promoting cooperation and ties between Anchorage and Seattle will benefit our respective economies and citizens;

For all these reasons the two parties

AGREE

To promote knowledge and mutual understanding among the citizens we represent and to develop links of friendship, respect and cooperation by working closely with higher education institutions, chambers of commerce, trade associations and other community and governmental organizations to strengthen ties between our respective cities;

To support the development of programs between our higher education institutions in order to foster a cooperative approach for sharing and developing skills and expertise in business, logistics, engineering, medicine, public administration and other areas where there is mutual interest and need;

To jointly contribute to the Alaska-Washington Leadership Program, a graduate level internship program organized through the University of Alaska and the University of Washington designed to create business and political leaders with a keen understanding of the relationships and ties between the cities;

To promote tourism and expand collaboration between our cities in areas such as economic development, commerce, arts, culture, and special projects in order to enhance and improve opportunities for our citizens;

To coordinate tourism and activities to celebrate and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and the 50th anniversary of Alaska's statehood in each city. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909 was a world's fair, which represented a "coming-of-age party" for the city of Seattle and signaled the important ties between Seattle and Alaska;

To support the maritime industry and to cooperate and discuss experiences in relation to port activities, direct transportation routes, and related business development and workforce training; as well as to better facilitate the movement of goods and people between Anchorage and Seattle and other cities;

To collaborate and support the position that homeland security funding should be made directly to cities as the first responders, and that cities must have the resources to ensure the safety of their citizens;

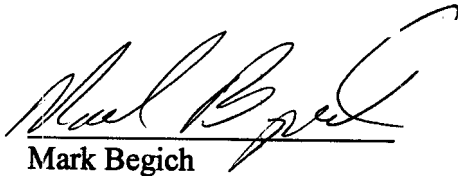
To ensure that if the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline is built that it meets the highest environmental standards and focuses on good stewardship of our natural resources, and creates jobs in our respective states;

To support federal funding to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct, which is a vital transportation corridor for the maritime and industrial businesses that support trade between Seattle and Alaska;

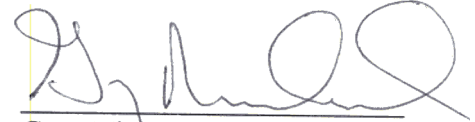
To agree to appoint up to six citizens from each city to serve on the Anchorage-Seattle Economic Cooperation Council. The Council may implement and promote the economic development activities identified in this Agreement, and may provide a status report and action plan. The Mayor of Anchorage and the Mayor of Seattle agree to serve as co-chairs of the Anchorage-Seattle Economic Cooperation Council for the term of one year and the Council will reexamine its purpose and goals after that year and determine how to proceed. The membership on this Council may expand to include other Pacific Northwest local government officials.

In accordance with the above, it is the desire of both parties to execute this
AGREEMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION on the
30th of November 2004 in Seattle, Washington.

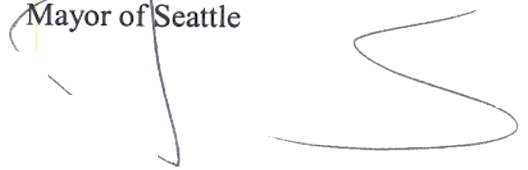
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Mark Begich
Mayor of Anchorage

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Greg Nickels
Mayor of Seattle

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